



# BERINBA BULLETIN

REMINDER  
Berinba is an  
allergy aware  
school



Wednesday, 16 November 2016

We value being: **Respectful, Responsible and Safe**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wiradjuri and Ngunnawal nations, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2017 ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

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What an amazing day, Pink Day really demonstrated the heart of our community and the understanding that doing something for others is as special as doing something for ourselves. Our students and staff looked amazing, the fun we had was great and we hope the funds we raised for cancer research will be put toward the combined efforts of all schools to make a difference.

We are working on our staffing for next year and are getting close to completing two merit selection processes for a new Assistant Principal and permanent Special Education teacher. I hope to make a public announcement in the next newsletter. In advance I would like to thank the P&C and AECG for their representatives on both of these panels.

At a recent meeting of the Binit Binit Learning Community (Yass and Districts schools) decisions were made to combine our collective school efforts to hold another Book Parade, a combined NAIDOC week, Gifted and Talented opportunities for students across a wide range of academic fields, combined Creative and Performing Arts opportunities and an in depth look at how we transition students from Primary to High School. We are looking forward to some very exciting initiatives coming from the Learning Community. *Binit Binit* is Ngunawal for Owl.

I recently attended the Yass Primary Schools Sports Association meeting. This group plans all of the school representative sports activities held each year across our schools. Mrs Gerstenberg was elected Secretary and Miss Zandona is the vice President. It is fantastic to see our staff volunteer to complete these roles in their own out of school time, without the local PSSA no children from Yass schools could move forward to Regional and State selection.

As we head for the end of year a simple reminder to all parents that attendance at school is the best way to ensure your child's future success at many levels. A huge thank you to all parents for their efforts in improving our attendance over the last 20 weeks. A thank you to the many parents who responded to our letters home about your child's attendance record being below 88%, we have had some interesting and spirited discussions. One outcome has been for us to identify an issue in how we report absences through our schools roll marking system which unfortunately counts partial days as absences. This has now been corrected and thanks to the parents who raised this error.

Another reminder to all families that we need to know about any changes in your address, phone, family dynamics, court orders, change of work address and contact etc. On many occasions when we ring parents to let them know of a sick child we get a disconnected phone or wrong number. Please update your contacts as soon as possible after the change has been made.

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Brian Giles-Browne (Principal)

**YVC Swimming - Yass Memorial Swimming Pool** (contact the pool for more info) Club/squad swimming for older, more experienced children commenced *Monday, 14 November*. Held Mon-Thurs, 5:15-6:30pm. \$130pp and \$110 consecutive children **Swimming Lessons** at Yass Memorial Pool start *Mon 21 November*. Held Mon-Thurs for five weeks. Cost \$70pp includes pool entry. **Intensive Swimming Program**- Yass Pool 9-13 January 2017. Yass and Binalong Pools 16-20 January at a cost of \$70pp

**FOUND:** A couple of pairs of glasses handed in at the Berinba Office. If you or your child has lost theirs, please come to the office to claim.



"Pink Day" helping YHS raise funds for breast cancer



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**BE SAFE ON AND AROUND BUSES.  
BE BUS AWARE!**

- 1** Follow the rules and cross with care
- 2** Give way to buses
- 3** Reduce speed to 40 when lights are flashing
- 4** Plan ahead and don't rush for the bus
- 5** Bike riders take care around buses

[bebusaware.com.au](http://bebusaware.com.au)



Transport  
for NSW

**BERINBA OFFICE HOURS: 8.30am to 3.30pm**

**Tuesdays 9-11am: Playgroup at Berinba Hall**



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## What does Yass Valley look like to you in 10 years? Play your part in developing our Community Strategic Plan

It is time for the residents of Yass Valley to have their say on the strategic future of their community by playing an active role in the development of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). This Plan is owned by the community and sets the framework for development and review of Council services and strategies. The key to a successful CSP is engagement from the community.

### COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

- **Gundaroo:** Gundaroo Soldiers Memorial Hall - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November - 7:30-9:00pm
- **Yass:** Yass Soldiers Memorial Hall - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November - 5:30-7:00pm
- **Murrumbateman:** Murrumbateman Recreation Hall - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November - 7:30-9:00pm
- **Binalong:** Binalong Hall - Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November - 5:30-7:00pm

### COMMUNITY SURVEY

- [surveymonkey.com/r/GMULYVRegionalCSPSurvey](http://surveymonkey.com/r/GMULYVRegionalCSPSurvey)
- Hard copies will be available at Council's Administration Office, village post offices, general stores and schools.
- Survey closes at 11:59pm Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Further information: [yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/community/regional-community-strategic-plan](http://yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/community/regional-community-strategic-plan)



### BERINBA CALENDAR:

- 23 November - Scripture
- 25-26 November - School Spectacular performances
- 28 November - Swimming Scheme commences
- 6 December - YHS orientation
- 8 December - Infants Presentation
- 9 December - Year 6 Farewell
- 13 December - Years 3-6 Presentation Night @ YHS hall
- 16 December - Last day of Term 4 - Enjoy the holidays
- 30 January 2017 - Y1-6 students return for 2017 classes

### CANTEEN ROSTER: Term 4, 2016

(CANTEEN CLOSED MONDAYS)

Wednesday, 23 November	Kathy Weeks
Friday 25 November	Lisa Jordan
Tuesday, 29 November	Leah McIntyre
Friday, 2 December	Jean Pearson

If you are able to help between 10:00am-1:30pm  
please contact the canteen.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

2017 AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS  
Contact Yass Valley Council's Community  
Development Manager on 6226 1477 or email  
[Council@yass.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Council@yass.nsw.gov.au) with your nomination



*You are invited to our  
Teddy Bears Picnic*



We are having a beary special storytime  
to celebrate the new all-abilities playground in  
Banjo Paterson Park.

**Thursday 17th November**  
**11am**



There will be stories, songs and cake!  
BYO blanket and picnic lunch  
RSVP Yass Library—6226 1305

# Food Drive and Toy Drive

## Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends provides personal assistance and support for women and men escaping domestic violence, single parent families, teenage mums and families who work very hard and yet still struggle to make ends meet. You never know when you might fall upon hard times?

With Christmas just around the corner, Circle of Friends will be preparing and delivering hampers to families in Yass and surrounding areas to help them make it through the Christmas season.

We are placing a Food and Toy Drive out into our generous community hoping that the people of Yass will get behind our not-for-profit, solely donation driven operation. Let's get together and help make Christmas as stress free and enjoyable as possible for these families.

To donate please send in any non-perishable (unopened) food items or any new toys (still in packaging) suitable for age's newborn through to late teenagers of both sexes. Or anything Christmassy as everything is ever so much appreciated 😊.

We would like to take the time to say thank you for anything that can be donated. Circle of Friends has been founded on the simple philosophy of **PAY IT FORWARD** and that's exactly what we are all doing!

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Last day for donations is 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Wendy Worthy on behalf of C of F.

If you need support or know someone who needs support,  
please contact Karyn on 0415 540 137